

Great News from

CHARLEMONT

IN

IRELAND.

GIVING

A True Account

Of the Taking the

Main-Guard, Intrenchment.

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Two Redoubts, and a Village,

Near it

With a Relation of the Number of the Enemy Slain and Wounded, and Prisoners Taken.

Likewise

the Vallorous Actions of the Dates, before the said Place.

1. May. 1690.

In a Letter to the Duke of Schomberge, at Lisburn.

Licenfed, According to Order. 1690.

HIS Grace the Duke of Schomberge, after having been at Charlemont in Person, to take a view of that Garrison, and exactly observing the Situation, Strength, and Fortifications of the place, gave Orders that it should immediately, actually and regularly Besieged: Pursuant thereunto, there were several Pieces of whole Cannon, Mortars, &c. drawn thither;

with a great number of Bombs to Bombard it.

On the 16th. an Officer came to Lisburn, from Collonel La Callimate, on account of their late Action at Charlemont; which is as followeth.

The Regiment of Callimate being Posted this Winter along the River, called

the black Water, and near Lough-Neagh, they greatly straightened the Garrison of Charlemont, on that side, and hindered their having any Correspondence with the County of Tyrone. About seven days ago, Collonel La Callimate possessed himself of a small Village, within a Mile of Charlemont. The Enemy upon notice of it, came out with 300 Men, to attack it; but notwithstanding we had not had time to Intrench our selves, yet we repassed them, with loss of three Men on their side, and one wounded on ours. We were employed the next day, and the day following, in casting up some little Works, and in observing the Avenues of the place, and the Enemies Out-Posts on both sides the River, which we afterwards obliged them to abandon, giving them every Night new Alarms. On the 12th. Instant, about Nine at Night, Collonel Callimate marched, with a Party of his Regiment, and a small Detachment of Collonel St. Johns, making in all about Eighty private Souldiers, and Twenty Officers; whom he caused to Embark at a place, called *Derry-Gally*, in three large Boats, being come within half a Mile of Charlemont, he Landed his Men, and leaving a Guard with the Boats; and though they were Discovered at a considerable distance, by the Light of the Moon, yet they made themselves Masters of the Main-Guard.

Our Men divided themselves into Two parts, the one Marched towards the Gate of the Castle, to hinder the Rebels from fallying out; and the other attack'd the Redoubts lately built, within Forty Paces of the Counterscarp to cover their Bridge, which might have held Thirty Men compleat, and had now in it Fifteen Men, and a Serjeant, and after some little Resistance, entred the Place, kil-

ling Six, and taking the Rest Prisoners. M. De-La borde, Major to La Callimate, with Thirty Men, took another Redoubt. And we Burnt and Plundered the Houses as far as the Gate of Armagh, which the Enemy had abandoned. After this, the Day coming on, we retired, with Drums Beating, and Colours Flying, by the Causeway that led to Black-water Town. The whole Action was carried on with a great deal of Courage, Vigour, Bravery and Conduct. The Rebels lost about Fifty Men, killed and taken Prisoners; on our side, Major La borde, was killed with a Carthage-shot, from the last Cannon that was fired, who is much lamented, being a great Souldier; Lieutenant Collonel Belcassel, and a Captain was wounded; besides these, we had but one Man killed, and Six wounded.

Postscript.

A second Supply of Bombs, Ammunition, &c. is arrived here from Carrickfergus; and likewise arrived here some days ago, a Battalion of the Danes, who behave themselves with a great deal of Courage, Conduct and Valour; so that we doubt but in a very little time, the place will be in our Hands, either by Storm or Surrender: They have been so closely Blocked up for some time past, that the Garrison is in great want of Provisions, if not Ammunition.

Sir,

Your very

Humble Servant

P. Wood.